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FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L MBABANE 0225

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR OBED MBOGO KATIKAZA

1. AMBASSADOR KATIKAZA CALLED ON CHARGE FEBRUARY 12. HE SAID THIS WAS HIS THIRD VISIT TO SWAZILAND SINCE SHIFTING HIS RESIDENCE FROM LUSAKA TO MAPUTO, AND HE HAD DECIDED TO SPEND SOME TIME ON THIS VISIT CALLING ON HIS DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES.

2. IN DISCUSSING GOS-GPRM RELATIONS, AMBASSADOR KATIKAZA NOTED THAT HE FELT IN SWAZILAND A CERTAIN FEAR AND DISTRUST OF GPRM, WHICH IN HIS VIEW WAS NOT JUSTIFIED. FROM HIS TALKS WITH GPRM OFFICIALS, HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT THEY BORE NO ILL WILL TOWARDS SWAZILAND AND HE BELIEVED RECENT PROBLEMS WITH SWAZI EXPORTS IN MAPUTO WERE CAUSED BY BAD WEATHER, NOT POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED HARASSMENT. THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THAT MALAWI HAD SINNED AGAINST FRELIMO FAR WORSE THAN SWAZILAND, YET GPRM HAD MADE NO EFFORT TO INHIBIT MALAWI'S TRADE ACROSS MOZAMBIQUE. REFERRING TO SWAZILAND'S COMPLAINT

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THAT GPRM HAD NOT APPOINTED AN AMBASSADOR TO MBABANE, THE AMBASSADOR

POINTED OUT THAT GPRM HAS NOT YET APPOINTED ANY AMBASSADORS OR
OPENED ANY DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ABROAD, EVEN IN DAR ES SALAAM.
TANZANIAN EMBASSIES WERE CONTINUING TO HANDLE ROUTINE DIPLOMATIC
BUSINESS FOR MOZAMBIQUE.

3. IN A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE GPRM LEADERSHIP, AMBASSADOR
KATIKAZA SAID THAT HE BELIEVED FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO WAS IN
FACT THE NO. 2 MAN IN MOZAMBIQUE, EVEN THOUGH HE IS NOMINALLY
NO. 3.
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